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I have read that the FCC is considering 04-435 allowing use of cellphones on airplanes during flights. I would like to add my voice to the chorus asking you not to permit such use.

We are attacked by cellphone users on a daily basis: walking down the street, in restaurants, in theatres, drives their vehicles. I find them to be obnoxious, particularly when overheard conversations typically consist of such important comments as 'Hey! what's happenin' dude?'

Nobody really needs a cell phone in public except Police and Emergency Medical Personnel; everyone else could manage without them on a level playing field. But certainly they are not needed on airplane flights.

Cellphones can be used up to takeoff and as soon as a plane has landed. In case of emergency, there are phones on the backs of seat that can be used. I am a frequent flyer (who doesn't use a cell phone) and air travel has become a complicated, hassles-filled experience. A few hours of respite, once in the air, are to be treasured. The thought of 200 people yakking on their cellphones during an entire flight is daunting and will be one more reason to find other ways to get to my destinations.

Sincerely,

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